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Preface.

THE SOMERSETSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY was formed in 1849. The consultations which preceded its birth were for the most part held in the house and shop of Mr. F. May, at Taunton, who from the first and up to the present time has been the Printer to the Society. The honour of its foundation belonged perhaps in a special way to the Rev. F. Warre, Mr. C. E. Giles and Mr. W. Baker, who were its first general Secretaries. It was opened in a Meeting at Taunton with an address by Dr. Buckland, then Dean of Westminster, which by its breadth of view, advanced thought, and piety of feeling served well to show what manner of man he was. A temporary Museum, which was opened at the first General Meeting, impressed the Committee with the importance of forming a permanent Museum at some fixed head-quarters, and encouraged them to believe that it would not be difficult to fill it worthily. By the end of the first year a Museum was formed, and the Society took up its abode in a room belonging to the Literary Institution, at Taunton.

In 1852, the first great addition was made to the Museum by the purchase by subscription of the Geological Collection of the Rev. D. Williams, of Bleadon. This collection contained a large number of Palæozoic fossils, some remarkable saurians from the Lias, and, most important of all, a number of the remains of animals from the Mendip caves. The exchange and

sale of duplicate specimens, which this purchase enabled the Society to make, still further increased its geological treasures. In 1865, the Williams Collection received its proper complement by the purchase of the collection made by Mr. Beard, of Banwell. These important additions to the Museum were arranged by Mr. W. A. Sanford, and have been made especially useful to the members by the series of papers upon them, which he has contributed to our XIII., XIV., and XV. vols.; they are also illustrated by the account given by Mr. W. B. Dawkins, F.R.S., of the exploration of the Caves of Burrington Combe. It would be vain to attempt to describe even the more important features of our Museum. I have only spoken of its Geological Collection because its Feline fossils give it a special character, and one in which it will bear comparison with any Museum in the country.

During the first year of its existence, Quarterly Meetings of the Society were held in different places within the county. This plan was, however, soon found to make too large a call upon the time of the members, and accordingly it was determined to hold one meeting only each year for the purpose of visiting and illustrating the most noteworthy objects in our county. On two occasions only has the Society gone beyond the borders of Somersetshire: in 1867 it met in Bristol, and in 1874 in Sherborne. On both these occasions considerable work was done, and the Sherborne Meeting was especially successful. The Architectural features of the Cathedral and other Churches of Bristol, and of the Minster at Sherborne, the general history of the city, and the history of the changes in the ecclesiastical and civil boundaries of Wessex formed valid reasons for both these visits. It is not likely that they will be made precedents for, though our Society has been in existence for twenty-six years, there are many spots of interest still unvisited in our own county, and the constant change which must ever be going on in our members, allows us to revisit places with profit and pleasure.

The Society has necessarily sustained some heavy losses by death, and notably within the last few years by the deaths of

the Rev. F. Warre and Mr. W. A. Jones, who each held for many years the office of Secretary. At the same time there are many still with us who from the foundation of the Society have held a prominent place amongst us. The stability and well-being of the Society have been increased by the purchase of Taunton Castle and its grounds. This purchase has been effected by the contributions of members and other friends, by the energy of some gentlemen in the town and neighbourhood of Taunton, and above all by the labour and perseverance of my friend and colleague, Mr. O. W. Malet. The acquisition of this property, and the consequent rearrangement and continual growth of our Museum will serve to give us a more permanent basis, and will, I hope, open out to us a larger sphere of usefulness than we have before enjoyed.

To those at a distance from Taunton the work of the Society can only be gauged at its Yearly Meetings, and by the "*Proceedings*," which are their result. With the twenty volumes of our former series before me, and having been forced to go through their contents with considerable care, I cannot refrain from expressing the thanks which we owe to some of our members. We have published in our Journal papers, especially on Architecture, Ecclesiastical and Civil History, Palæontology, and Geology, which for depth of research, power of expression and width of thought, are worthy to be ranked not only among the best achievements of their authors, but as landmarks in the advance of the various sciences of which they treat. The names of some of our principal upholders in the real work of the Society are too well known, and hold too high a place to need recording here; yet I may perhaps be allowed to give expression to my satisfaction in the thought, that in spite of all the changes which time has worked, they still continue to uphold us, and that we have not only many names but workers whose presence amongst us gives our Society an importance which could scarcely have been dreamed of at our foundation. The many engagements of some of our leading members make it impossible for them often to contribute papers, while at the same time they are

willing to help us with verbal explanations, and to enter into discussions on the objects visited. These comments arising from local causes are especially valuable, and indeed are the fulfilment of one of the chief ends of our Society's being. In our earlier volumes far too little pains and space have been devoted to their record. It is my earnest endeavour to make the Part I., which is given up to them at least as valuable as the Papers which appear in Part II.

Although the stores of knowledge contained in our Journal are great and various, our volumes have hitherto been a fountain sealed for lack of an Index. Much vexation and loss of time have been occasioned by having to search them one after another for some piece of information which is known to exist in their pages, but of which the clue has been lost. Practical experience of this annoyance, and the position which I have the honour to hold, urged me if possible to remedy this defect. The funds of the Society are unable to meet the expense of the undertaking, but the Publishers offered to bring out an Index at their own risk, and the present volume is the result.

In this Index the references are threefold, viz., to the Volume, to the Part i. or ii., and lastly to the Page. Each place visited by the Society, or which is the subject of any recorded remark of importance is made a separate heading; references are first given to all notices of its Natural History, then of its Etymology, and in the third place of its Architecture, History and Associations. Under the name of each contributor will be found references more or less full to what he has written for the Journal and to such of his remarks as are there set down. Many of the more important monographs will be found to be carefully analyzed, so that the reader of some of the longer papers will be much assisted by having before him a short table of their contents. A large number of the divisions and sub-divisions of those subjects, which have specially engaged the attention of the Society will be found to form separate headings. Under these everything which throws light upon the subjects in the twenty volumes have been marked

and referred to. Notice has also been taken of the mention of those old families whose history illustrates the fortunes of our county.

The way in which the information is scattered up and down through the volumes, the entirely different method of treating the same subject by different writers, the constant recurrence of contradictory statements and opinions and the unequal value of many of the papers have made the present a far more difficult task than the compilation of an ordinary Index. I hope that it may be of use to readers of our volumes in gaining local knowledge, and even, in some degree, in the study of History and Science, as illustrated in the characteristics and features of a small but various and deeply interesting portion of land, and of those who have dwelt therein. I cannot expect but that omissions and inaccuracies will be found in a work of this kind. The fact that every reference has been carefully verified after it was in type will at least testify to the labour and pains which have been spent in its production. Our highly valued Curator has been my assistant, and has made the Natural History references his peculiar care.

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Preface.

These Indexes appear to have been made towards the end of the XVII. century. The Index to the original copy of Chyle's History of Wells, in the possession of the Dean and Chapter, written about 1680, is in the same handwriting, which first occurs in the Acts of the Chapter at July 2, 1679. This handwriting continues to April 8th, 1692, and does not occur again in the same book after August 4. 1692; the book ends at March 22, 1704. The handwriting is that of Richard Healy, LL.D., who was the Dean's Steward, and who died in 1713.*

The following is the account of the Chapter Registers, to which these Indexes belong, given in the Appendix to the First Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, pages 93 and 94 :—

"The Liber Ruber, or Red Book.—This is, in part, the oldest book probably among the Dean and Chapter's Records. It is a small parchment and paper folio, and receives its name from the reddened parchment with which the ancient boards in which it is bound are covered. It begins with 77 leaves of an earlier date than the latter part. From an Index inserted before

* The authority for this is Mr. Serel. An inspection of the Records makes it perfectly plain that the handwriting must be that of one of three or four men who were concerned in the affairs of the Dean and Chapter about that time. Mr. Serel has repeatedly seen the signature of Dr. Healy as witness to Acts of the Dean and Chapter in this handwriting. There is no one more competent than Mr. Serel to give an opinion on these matters of Chapter Antiquarianism.

them, in a hand of the XVII. Century, they seem to relate exclusively to the Cathedral regulations for the celebration of Divine Service, matters relative to jurisdiction, the duties and rights of the officials, and the early Grants and Charters. In fact, most of the component parts of this section of the volume were originally separate little parchment pamphlets so to speak, of the time of Edward I. to Edward III., which were afterwards tacked together.

"In folio 67b (A.D., 1338) there are two instances named, of women confessing the sin of fornication, before the Bishop's Commissary, for which they are condemned, each to walk barefooted twice round her respective Parish Church. In these earlier folios there is evidently much curious and interesting matter. In folio 25a there is a rule entered among the "Statutes of Sir John de Godelee," Dean, that every new Canon shall, about the time of beginning his residence, or within a year after, "honourably cause the Dean and Chapter, according to his means, to be entertained with meat and drink." From a marginal note in the same page, in a hand of the 17th Century, this seems to have been then commuted to an "Oyster Feast," and this again is now represented, probably, by a payment made to the Common Fund by every new Canon at the beginning of his residence.

"From folio 71b we learn that on the 5th of March, 1339, about the hour of Vespers, two Vicars of the Church of Wells appeared before Bishop Ralph (de Shrewsbury) in his hall at Wokey, and presented him, in the name of the Dean and Chapter, with a loaf, a pig, and a bottle of mead, in part, as they asserted, of two loaves, two pigs, and two bottles of mead, which was probably due each year to the Church of Wells from the Abbot and Convent of Glastonbury. The Bishop received the offering "as due to him in the name of his Church," and then ordered the various items to be distributed among the poor. In folio 69b there is an ordinance for the ringing of the "Ave Mary Bell," which was done by striking three blows on the great Cathedral bell, shortly before Curfew.

"The remaining portion of the Liber Ruber is written on paper (a little mutilated), the entries ranging from 1487 to 1664; the folios being about 200 in number. In this part also, there are many entries of great interest. There is a volume in the same collection, forming a Calendar to every page of the Liber Ruber, in a beautiful hand of 17th Century.

"THE FIRST LIBER ALBUS.—This was the original "Liber Albus," no doubt, of the Dean and Chapter's Records, though that name is now given to the volume next described. This is a smaller folio, in wooden boards, still covered with old white vellum. It contains 299 parchment leaves, and is somewhat mutilated at the beginning. The early part was written in the reign of Edward I., or possibly Edward II., and the last entry belongs to the year, 1393. It is a Register, with entries of various descriptions, and in character its contents strongly resemble those of the first 77 folios of the Liber Ruber. The earliest entries consisting of grants of liberties and privileges to various Churches by the Pope, are almost obliterated, but the matter belongs to the middle of the reign of Henry III. Folios 6 and 7 contain a Calendar of the Charters entered in the following leaves, down to folio 61 inclusive; the Calendar and the Charters being, in general, written in the same hand, though here and there, on unfinished pages, there are entries in later hands. In folios 17 and 18 there are several deeds entered of the time of Edward the Confessor, in the Saxon language, but not in Saxon Characters. After folio 61 there are hundreds of entries, in various hands. It is possible that the first few leaves may belong to the latter part of the reign of Henry III., or the beginning of that of Edward I. On this particular point, however, I am speaking from memory only. Beyond the ancient Calendar to the Charters above mentioned, there does not seem to be any Calendar or Index to the contents of this curious and valuable volume.

"The present LIBER ALBUS—This is a fine, large, folio volume, of 456 leaves of parchment. It is imperfect at the end; though, judging from the Index, it must have had leaves

added after folio 449, at a later date than the rest of the volume, which was written, probably, in the reigns of Richard II., Henry VI., and Edward IV. Its character is that of a register, containing a series of deeds and documents of every description, relating to the Church of Wells. It begins with the Charter of the 15th of Henry III., which is followed by an earlier Charter of Confirmation of the 8th of John: after which there are some Charters going back to Saxon times. In folios 164-5, reference is again made to a subject already alluded to. Pope Boniface IX. (A.D., 1400) orders that the large sums expended by the incoming Canons, for feasting the Bishop; the Dean, the Canons, and the Vicars, and all the other officers of the church, shall for the future be discontinued, and that in lieu thereof no more than 150 marks shall be paid. The contents of this valuable volume seem to be limited to formal documents and deeds, with no additional memoranda."

These Indexes then, are the account of the Chapter transactions; by means of them Professor Willis gathered the materials of his account of the Fabric, which, as is much to be regretted, was never published by him. Through them we also may learn very much about the rights and duties, and the common property of the Chapter, of the property of the Dean Dignitaries and Canons, that is to say of the prebends and residence houses assigned to them. Of the elections of the Bishops and Deans; disputes between them; Ritual matters; Chapels and Altars in the Cathedral, and all that concerns the See and the Cathedral as distinguished from the Diocese. We shall hardly see the importance of these books unless we look carefully at this distinction between the See and the Diocese. The parochial system is now so important, and is so characteristic of the Church, that we forget the time when it did not exist. The word Pagan is a well known witness to the time when Christianity had hardly spread beyond the walls of the City. the distinction between the Deanery of Christianity as at Exeter and the Rural Deaneries, seems to bear witness to this fact that in this country, as well as on the continent, the faith did not prevail early in the villages. The Chapter is the

successor of the City Clergy, who were once the whole Clergy, the Bishop's Clerks who performed Divine Service with him, who were his advisers in all business, who elected him, and, themselves as the Presbytery, managed the affairs of the church during a vacancy. Even now the Chapter of Canterbury acts in the place of the Archbishop, when the See is vacant, in Provincial as well as Diocesan affairs, plainly pointing to the time when the Chapter was the whole clergy, and the union of the Bishop and his clergy was much more complete than it is now.

The Parochial system began early in the cities, Mabillon in the Preface to the 2nd volume of the Museum Italicum traces it in Rome to very early times, but in the surrounding country it seems to have begun about the VII. or VIII. Century, and to have been perfected here in the X. or XI. It must have first begun in the clergy sent out by the Bishops to preach around the City and celebrate the Eucharist at the martyrs' graves. Hence began by degrees oratories churches and congregations, and at last stated districts attached to each.

The property of the church, as well as the alms of the faithful; seem to have been at the disposal of the Bishop for division between the poor his clerks and himself. Who in distributing them could not in general neglect the interests and wishes of his clergy.

Individually the clerks seem to have had but little independence, though they had collectively much, and it is probable that the independence of our cathedrals of the old foundation, which is shewn by these books to have been of the same kind and extent as at present, goes back to the early times when the Bishops did nothing without the advice of their clergy and people, and the clergy as a body had great importance and independence. One of the most important officers of the Church was the Deacon, who attended specially on the Bishop, and administered the Cup at Communion, who was frequently the chief of seven like St. Stephen, and grew by degrees into

the Archdeacon, and who often even in later times was not a Priest. The Cathedral clergy had the care of Divine service, and of clerical education so far as it could be conducted in common, the more ordinary case being, it is conceived, that the clerk who attended on the priest—the original of our Parish Clerk, now nearly extinct—was himself ordained Priest when found fit.

In the latter part of the VIII. Century attempts were made to give a monastic character to the Cathedrals. Possibly to restrain the marriage of the clergy and compel them to live together in one house with a common life as monks. Perhaps also to assist discipline, which in rough times of barbarian ignorance must have been difficult. Each Cathedral has its cloister like a Monastery. The Cathedral customs provided for the daily holding of a Chapter after Prime, at which all the Clerks assembled, for devotional reading and public confession, not unlike what is supposed to be done in a Wesleyan Class Meeting. This again was monastic, and seems very early to have become formal. It is remarkable that the Bishop had at Wells, and in England generally, no seat in Choir, where the Dean presided. The reason of this may perhaps be as follows. The part of the Church in which the Service was performed was divided into Presbytery and Choir. The first representing the Apse of the ancient Basilica, where the Bishop and his Presbyters sat; the second the Chorus Cantorum in the centre of the Church in front of the Altar. The Bishop presided at Mass, which was celebrated in the Presbytery, and at other ceremonies, and when he did not the Priest who officiated in his place was obviously his deputy. On the other hand the Service in Choir, which corresponds with our Morning and Evening Service, was very long, occupying a large part of the night and of the day, and like a magnificent Oratorio, was not it seems intended for him to take part in, and accordingly he had no seat in Choir. The position of the Episcopal throne in our Cathedrals is of much later date than the arrangement we are treating of.

The Bishopric of Wells seems to have been established soon after 900. For 150 years nothing is said about Canons. When Gisa was made bishop, a few years before the Conquest, there were 10; he increased the number, and built cloisters with dormitory and refectory, which were thrown down by his successor to make room for the Palace. Here we have an attempt to introduce Chrodegangs rule and the defeat of it. It is also remarkable that Gisa is said to have appointed a Provost. That Rule makes the chief officer of Canons Provost, and it has so remained in Germany, where the Rule was first established. Here a Dean was appointed afterwards by Bishop Robert, after 1135. It has been assumed perhaps hastily that the Provost was here the chief of the Canons. It seems to have been shown however that he was merely the manager of their landed property, a steward, who in this country was called præpositus several centuries later, or a lessee with a beneficial interest to himself after satisfying the stated payments he had to make to the Canons. Whatever may be the truth the Provostship caused a long series of troubles The Provost (præpositus de cumba, not canonicorum) existed until the time of Edward VI., when the office was abolished, and the estates given to the Dean, who had been despoiled of his own. Perhaps the thing that marks the Provost as an inferior officer of the Chapter, rather than a deposed President, is that the statutes do not recognise him in Chapter at all, and in Choir only in a very inferior position. But then it is not easy to see why an official with secular duties only should have any place at all in Chapter.

The Dignitaries were established at the same time as the Dean, and the statutes were probably given, though in their present form they are later, and seem to date from abont 1200. They had been no doubt corrected from time to time. They are like those given by St. Osmond to Salisbury soon after the Conquest in many remarkable expressions, but differ in details. They are either copied with alterations from them, or derived from the same source.

Reginald, 1174-1191, obtained North Curry for the chapter and founded prebends.

In 1234 Jocelin of Wells brought the provostship estates of Winsham and Combe St. Nicholas back to the chapter and in 1239 gave Winscombe, and appropriated several Rectories to augment the commons of the Canons; after this the only benefaction of land seems to be that William Button the second gave Bicknoller and Stogumber about 1270. Meanwhile the prebends had been created with considerable estates for each, and the Vicars Choral are said to have been established between 1223 and 1242, though they must have existed much earlier. The Canons would naturally obtain help occasionally for the singing, and when abroad must sing by deputy, long before their doing the work by deputy became crystallized into a system.

Perhaps the best way to show the ancient composition of the chapter is to give the statutes which governed their standing in choir and sitting in chapter.

At the entrance of the choir at the west, on the right is the Dean's stall, on the left the Cantors, at the east end on the right is the stall of the Archdeacon of Wells, opposite of the Archdeacon of Bath, next to the Dean stands in choir the Archdeacon of Taunton if he be a canon, then the Abbot of Bec, then the Sub-Dean, next to the Archdeacon of Wells is the Chancellor, but in the middle stand the Canons who are next to the dignitaries, and the master of the schools, then the Vicars who are priests, and a few Deacons, who are admitted into the upper row for their age and worth. Next to the Cantor stands in choir the Abbot of Muchelney, then the Succentor, then the Provost of Combe. Next to the Archdeacon of Bath is the Treasurer, then the Abbot of Athelney, then the rest of the Canons and Clerks are arranged as before stated. In the second form first are placed the younger Canons, then the Deacons, then the other Clerks. In the first form the Canons who are boys are placed first, then the others.

In Chapter the Clerks sit in this order—next to the Bishop on the right sits the Dean, then the Archdeacon of Wells, then the Chancellor, then the Archdeacon of Taunton if he be a canon, then the Abbot of Bec, then the Sub-Dean.

On the left the Cantor, then the Treasurer, then the Archdeacon of Bath if he be a canon, then the Abbot of Muchelney, then the Abbot of Athelney, then the Succentor. Next to them sit the Canons who are Priests, then the Canons who are Deacons, then the Sub-Deacons, then the Vicars who are priests, then the rest of the Vicars of the upper row, then the Canons of the second form, then the Deacons, Sub-Deacons, and Clerks of minor orders of the same form; but the boys, whether they are Canons or not, stand before the others in the area in their proper order on each side of the pulpit.

It will be observed that no Prebendaries are mentioned, except the Abbots; the prebends for Athelney and Muchelney were established about 1200, and the other prebends at different times in the XIII. Century, which is our guide to the approximate date at which the Statutes are supposed to have been last revised as stated in p. xi. That all the Clerks formed part of the chapter, that is to say of the Chapter for disciplinary and devotional purposes, the governing body of the Church, not the chapter which had controul over the residue, the present income of the Chapter, for that was the special property of the Residentiaries. That Priests, Deacons, and Sub-Deacons, whether Canons or Vicars, had precedence over those in minor orders, whether Canons or not, and that boys might be appointed Canons to be gradually promoted to holy orders, like the other boys and clerks. The precedence of the Dignitaries is not exactly the same in Chapter and in Choir, nor is either the same as at Sarum, where they agree. Here there is a tendency to make more of the Archdeacons than at Sarum, and it is remarkable that this is carried further at St. Paul's, where the Archdeacon of London has the second place. Here the Archdeacon of Wells is more important than the other Archdeacons, pointing perhaps to the time when there was but one

In 1242 Bishop Jocelin required that residence, so as to qualify for a share of the Residue—what remained of the means of the year after the Bishop Dignitaries Canons and others,

had had their commons—should be six months for the Canons, and eight for the Dean Cantor Chancellor and Treasurer, who with the Archdeacon of Wells were the Quinque Personæ, and there does not seem then to have been any process of protesting for residence, such as was required in Dean Godley's Statutes in 1331, and of which mention is made above in the account of the Liber Ruber, and which grew into great abuses afterwards, and especially at St. Paul's, and led here to the system of filling up vacancies in a gradually decreasing body of residentiaries by the residentiaries themselves.

Domesday states that the Canons of St. Andrew had property at Wells, Wanstrow, and Litton, worth in all £20, which is small in comparison with the Bishop's revenues, but it is possible that some of those who held under him may have been ecclesiastics, and very probable that in one way or other he found sustenance for many clerks, and provided for them by promotion. The origin of the prebends or separate estates of the canons requires to be examined. They are for the most part stated to have been endowed by the Bishops, who must have undoubtedly concurred in the establishment of them, even when the revenues were matter of private benefaction, as in the case of Buckland which was endowed by Oliver de Dinham in the later half of the XIII. Century. The revenues of the prebendal estates varied much; a list is given in Dugdale, vol. 2, p. 278, to which must be added the annuitant prebends of Wedmore and Combe, the latter had 10 marks each out of the Provostship estates, and the former an amount not mentioned, out of the estates of the Dean. The rest, including the Dean's prebend, seem to have been valued at £470 when this list was made in 1298 or probably earlier, as it is taken from the Statutes of Dean Walter de Haselshaw afterwards Bishop. The most valuable prebend was Huish and Brent £40; the worst endowed, Holcombe, 4 marks.

It is hoped that the publication of these Indexes will promote investigation of the history of the Chapter, and the printing of the Register of Bishop Drokensford, (1309-29,) by

the Master of the Rolls, (of which there is a prospect,) may be expected to lead to more accurate knowledge. The great dispute between him and the chapter which ended in the establishment of capitular freedom, is a kind of turning point in the history, and the result accords with the general movement of secular and ecclesiastical independence of that age.

The changes in progress, from the Conquest to the Reformation, show themselves in the Records of the See and Chapter. The earlier documents in these Registers relate much more to the Bishop and to his affairs, than would be the case now, and the same may be said of the Dean and Chapter's deeds, described in the appendix to the 3rd Report, p. 351, &c., the 200 documents transcribed on the first 50 leaves of "Crown Grants," called by Mr. Riley the first Liber Albus, and the list of Chapter Charters at the end of Lord Bath's Glastonbury Register.

The Registers therefore and the Indexes belonging to them have an importance far beyond the Chapter, and it is hoped that a step of some importance is now being made to elucidate the history of the county.

It may be as well to remark that at the beginning and end of Liber Ruber are eight leaves of vellum, which belong to a very old service book not a missal though containing the collects and other parts of the communion service for Whit-Sunday and days before or after, and also of certain saints' days and among them S.S. Wilfrid, Aidan, and Ceolfrid, which seem to indicate that it was of York use. The paper part of this book is stated by Healy to contain the Chapter's Acts from 1487 to 1513, and it is probable that the latter date is the time of the binding.

What Mr. Riley calls the present Liber Albus is a transcript of documents in one hand; at fol. 149 is the general pardon of the Dean and Chapter of Dec. in the 8th year of Edward IV., which gives a limit of the date. It is a very well-written book on vellum, without illumination or ornament.

These Registers frequently contain copies of the same documents, and there are valuable marginal notes by Dr. Healy and Dr. Edmund Archer, who was Archdeacon of Taunton, from 1712, and Residentiary from 1726, which give the substance of each document, and references where the same things are found in the other books.

The copies of the Indexes were made by Mr. Serel and Mr. Fielder, and the corrections by Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Hunt. As the reader will probably be aware this correction in many places could not be done without a reference to the Registers themselves. When anything remarkable was observed the result has been given in the notes, which must not be taken to be intended to be an exhaustive settlement of the many questions that arise upon these records.

In taking on himself the responsibility of this part of the work, Mr. Dickinson feels bound to express the obligations he is under to those who have helped him, and especially to Mr. Hunt as his colleague in the undertaking.

The thanks of the Society are due to the Dean and Chapter for allowing the Indexes to be printed, and to the Chapter Clerk, Mr. Garrod, for the uniform courtesy he has shewn to those who have had to prepare these pages in his office.

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,, 35 ,, 42 *for* Vicarius *read* Vicaria.

,, 36 ,, 11 *after* 281 *read* The Grant of North Curry was confirmed by the Chapter of Winchester because some of the liberties and rights granted could not take effect without interfering with the great Lordship of Taunton, which belonged to the Bishop of Winchester.

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LIBER RUBER.

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* Inferior Priests.

† I conceive that this was in support of a decree of the Arches Court of Canterbury, given in favour of Dean and Chapter against the Bishop.

Ave-Maria, 3 ad 3 pulsationes campanarum ad Ignitegium ‡ 25. 69, 2.

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,, ad firmam dimissa pro 8 marcis annuis, 29.

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Burnham Ecclesia in usum Fabricæ appropriata sed pluribus pensionibus et cantariis onerata, 61. 62.

C

Canon Barne, Bertona Communiæ, 11.

,, ad firmam pro £90 per annum, 28.

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Canonici non debent exire Villa sine licentia Decani, 17, 2. 41 § 3.

,, nec abesse precibus, 41 § 19.

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Carhampton, Ecclesia præbendalis, 35.

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,, debet Chorum regere quoad cantum, Episcopo injungendo, § 9.

,, ad eum spectat admissio puerorum, § 9.

,, et Succentor non debent simul abesse, 42 § 3.

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Cancellarius, assidue residebit nisi, &c., 41 § 1.

,, Scholas regit et libros Ecclesiæ corrigit, § 11.

,, habebit jurisdictionem in Kingsbury ut ab olim 50, 2.

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,, Ecclesia mensæ Episcopali unita, qui feret onera, 73. 74.

‡ This seems to mean that three Aves are to be said when the Curfew sounds thrice; one at each ringing of the bells.

Chartæ Ecclesiæ debilitatæ transcribendæ præsente Cancellario qui curam earum habet, 25.

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,, unus Canonicus et unus Vicarius aut duo Canonici, 27.

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,, ad quatuor terminos, 50. 51.

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Cleve, Ecclesia tanquam Præbenda, libera a vexatione Episcopali et Archidiaconali, et Abbas Beccensis habebit Stallum in Choro et Locum in Capitulo, 35.

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,, Statutorum, per Radulphum Episcopum, 29, 2.

,, ,, per Henricum Episcopum, 30.

,, ,, per Simonem Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, 28.

,, ,, per Johannem Drokensford Episcopum, 48. 49. 50.

,, Ecclesiæ, per Pontifices Romanos, 45. 46. 47.

Congresbury, Rectory confirmed to the Church upon a Quo warranto. first given by King John, 10.

,, ad firmam pro £45 per annum, 28, 2.

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* Reply to the fourth Article of Drokensford, see Decanus.

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,, ,, sub Waltero de Haselshaw Decano, 19. &c.
,, ,, sub Johanne de Godelee, 24.
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,, ,, Episcopus Decanus et Capitulum Statuta simul dabant, 3. 17.
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Dies Capitulares, crastinus Circumcisionis, 1us Aprilis, Julii, et Octobris, 3.
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,, ,, per Decanum utentur sua jurisdictione, 48.

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E

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,, ,, ,, tempore Radulphi Episcopi non certo valet annuatim £20 in temporalibus, 73.

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F

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,, dignitatum vacantium Episcopi sunt, 14, 2.
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,, per Præbendarios reparanda per decimam cujusque Præbendæ per quinquennium per Decanum et Capitulum ad id compellendos, 23. 24. 26.
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,, Domos, Cancella et Clausa reparabunt suis sumptibus, alia onera extraordinaria ad Decanum et Capitulum pertinent, 29.

G

In Gloria Patri versus Altare vertendum, 20.
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H

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I

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In Festo Innocentium Ludi theatrales amovendi ab Ecclesia et monstra Larvarum † et hinc quiete celebrandum, 25, 2.

Sancti Johannis Wellen: Hospitale, habebunt campanas cantariam et cœmeterium pro sepultura, salva jurisdictione Decani et Capituli in parochia illa, quoad jura parochialia, 16, 2.

Inquisitio super vacationem Vicariarum Ecclesiarum præbendalium ad Decanum solum spectat, 56.

J

Juramentum Præbendariorum installandorum, 24. 25, 2.

,, de verbo in verbum, 30,2. 41 § 7. 70.

Jurisdictio Decani et Capituli, Decani et Capituli in Vicarios extra Ecclesiam, ut duo ad minus cohabitent, 21.

,, in Ecclesia, in Vicarios excluso Episcopo Radulpho, 55, 2.

,, ad compellendum Præbendarios ad solvendum pro rata ad reparationem Fabricæ, 23.

,, ad interpretandum et corrigendum eorum Statuta, 23 27, 2.

,, Decani in visitando Præbendas et earum Firmas a 31, ad 39, et 48. 49. 50.

,, Decani Episcopalis potius quam Archidiaconalis—vide responsa ad 3, 4 et 5 articulos Drokensford, a 36, ad 39.

,, Concurrens Episcopi et Archidiaconorum quoad civilem et criminalem jurisdictionem, 48.

K

Kingston. Vicarius ibidem excommunicatur per Decanum ruralem de Taunton : in ista Ecclesia, jussu Radulphi Episcopi, qui Vicarius præsens nihilominus in præsentia Decani missam celebrat, 64. 65.

* Each Prebendary, who had a Prebend endowed out of a Rectory, had a Vicar in the Parish. He had also, as Canon in the Cathedral, a Vicar there to sing for him, whom in early times he appointed, and to whom he was Dominus. By degrees the right of appointment has got out of the hands of the Canons, and is now in the College of Priest Vicars and the Chapter. It is important to distinguish between these two classes of Vicars. The parish in which the estates of a prebend lay was exempt from the ordinary jurisdiction of the archdeacon, and was a *peculiar*.

† Masks—see under Ludi Theatrales.

L

Liberty, Charter of Edward Ist to wall it round with battlements set up gates and turn the way, 18.

,, Ecclesiæ Wellensis, 34. 35, &c.

Libertates Præbendariorum ut ab omni vexatione Episcoporum Archidiaconorum et Officialium suorum sint quieti, uti in Cleve,* 35. &c.

Libri et vestimenta Ecclesiæ reparentur ex injunctione Episcopi in sua visitatione 61.

Lidyeard Episcopi ad firmam, per annum £35, 28, 2.

,, gaudeat libertate antiquarum Præbendarum Ecclesiæ, 35.

Long Sutton Præbenda Abbatis Athelingensis, 35.

Lovington Church and farme and the parcells of the farme, 11, 2.

,, Lovington et Mudford ad firmam £35 per annum, 28, 2.

Walterus de London Decanus appellat Radulpho Episcopo, 53. 54, &c.

Ludi Theatrales non debent exhiberi in Ecclesiâ a die Nativitatis ad diem Innocentium, 69, 2.

M

Maneria et Prærogativæ Episcopatus 8. 9.

,, Decani et Capituli nominatim recitata, et eorum Privilegia confirmata per Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, 10. 11. 12.

,, confirmata per Adrianum Pontificem Romanum, 1157, 45 § 2.

,, per Alexandrum Pontificem Romanum, 1176, magis specifice, 46.

Marke Ecclesia annexa Præbendæ de Wedmore, quæ Decanatui annectitur et faciunt unum solum beneficium, 35, 2. 44 § 1.

,, Radulphus Episcopus monitionem emittit Waltero de London, Decano ad assignandam portionem Vicario de Marke ut instituatur per Episcopum, 60.

,, sed non debet ibi ordinari Vicaria, Responsum ad 7 articulum Drokensford, 36. 37, &c.

Milverton Vicarius Ecclesiæ præbendalis ibidem jurat de canonica obedientia Episcopo, &c., quantum de consuetuedine et jure tenetur, 72, 2.

Montisacuti Prior machinatur contra Ecclesiam, 24.

N

Nomina Fratrum defunctorum ad proximam Synodum deferantur ut pro eorum animabus plenarium celebretur Servitium, 42, § 6.

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* In 1199 there was a dispute between the Abbot of Bee and the Bishop and Dean and Chapter about the Church of Clyve (Old Cleeve). The Abbot claimed it as belonging to his house; the Bishop, and Dean and Chapter as a Prebend of Wells. Bishop Savaric agreed that the Abbot and Convent of Bee should hold it free from the Bishop's authority, as here stated, as a free Prebend of Wells: 'et inde Canonici sunt, tam Abbas quam conventus,' with place in Choir and Chapter.

North Curry manerium hundredum et Ecclesia confirmata Decano et Capitulo per breve de Quo warranto *temp.* Ed. I. The 1st grant thereof was from Richard I., 9. 10.

O

Officiarii Ecclesiæ visitantur per Decanum, 18, 2.
,, Decani. Johannes de Midleton constituitur Procurator Decani et Capituli contra attemptatum per Drokensford Episcopum, vide formam ibidem, 31, 2.
,, Johannes Shorditch Doctor in jure civili. Clericus Decani appellatur etiam in scriptis, 33. 34.
Ordinalis Correctio, 3. 22, 2. 62.
Oyster Feast, Canonicus residentiæ initio Decanum et Capitulum juxta facultates honorifice faciet procurari, 25. 69, 2.

P

Panis in vigiliarum solatium, 13, 2.
,, Porcus et uter medonæ * Episcopo præsentantur per Comminarium, 71, 2.
Pœnitentia Quod mulieres pro crimine fornicationis incedant nudæ pedes circa Ecclesiam de Banwell, 67, 2.
Pensiones, Chewton, 11. 1 et 2.
,, Carhampton, 10, 2.
,, Norton, 11.
,, Stowey, 11.
,, Chew, 11, 2.
,, Præpositura, 11, 2.
Præbendæ per Robertum Episcopum erectæ, viz., Whitchurch, Dultingcot, Wormister, Wanstrow, Winsham, Bromley,† Combe, Yatton, Hewish, Compton, 13.
,, specifice confirmatæ per Pontificem Romanum, 45. 46.
,, valor earum per eschaetorem solvendus, 23.
,, visitandæ in firmis Præbendariis Vicariis et Ministris Cleroque et populo universo a Decano trienniatim et nunquam ab Episcopo. Solum per Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem in Visitatione Metropolitica, 34.
,, et sic ex confessione Drokensford Episcopi, 48.
,, earum Permutatio, 3 § 4.

* A skin of Mead.

† See Bromfield L.A. I. 24. 25b. L A. II. 9. 10. 13. 403. This Prebend seems now to be lost.

Præbendarii debent contribuere ad Fabricæ reparationem, 23. 24. 26.
,, Dignitarii &c. ab onere Episcopali et Archidiaconali eximuntur, 35. 1 et 2. 41, § 6.
,, et hæc Exemptio patet e speciali Charta Savarici, 42, § 7 et § 8.
,, Johannis Drokensford post varias altercationes desuper, 49 § 3. 47 § 2.

Præcentor vel Cantor, nominabit auscultorem Vicariis * præsente Capitulo, 3. 6.
,, vel Succentor ordinabit officia pro hebdomada sequente, 22, 2.
,, habebit jurisdictionem in Pilton, ut ab olim, 50, 2.
,, Willelmus de Littleton, Præcentor condemnatur in £100, 57.

Præposituræ oppressio, 13.
,, Wootton, vide in W.
,, indotatio, 14.

Præses Capituli reprehendat Vicarios, si &c., 20.
,, ,, locum in Capitulo tenens Decani, 29.

Procuratoria. Canonicus residens mittat Vicarium aut alium instructum, 3 § 5. 50. 51.
,, ad agendum in curia Romana, 75.
,, ad lites Decani et Capituli contra attemptata per Drokensford Episcopum, 31, 2.

Probatio Testamenti Retford Cancellarii Ecclesiæ per Decanum sub sigillo officii sui quod annullatur per Officialem Episcopi, vide formam probationis testamenti et ipsum testamentum, 71.

Processus Judiciarius, appellatio et provocatio per Johannem de Godelee Decanum et Capitulum et eorum Procuratorem contra attemptata Johannis Drokensford Episcopi, 31 &c., 48 &c.

Procurationes Episcopi cum visitat Ecclesiam Cathedralem 1s. 6d. e responso Godelee Decani ad articulos Drokensford, 36.
,, sed alia responsa diversis articulis hoc idem non fatentur, 37, &c.
,, nihil habebit Episcopus pro dedicatione Capellæ præbendalis, 41 § 15.
,, non debet Episcopo in peculiaribus jurisdictionibus Decanus. Responsa ad quartum Drokensford, 36. 37. 38.

Psalterium totum dicetur singulis diebus, 42 § 5.

Pulsatio solennis Campanarum. Haselshaw, 19, 2.

Peculiares Jurisdictiones Decani Wellensis, 51.

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* During the probation of each Cathedral Vicar.

Q

Quinque Personæ, Decanus, Cantor, Archidiaconus, Cancellariu et Thesaurarius habebunt duplices Quotidianas, 41 § 13. 44 § 2.

,, ,, residere debent per duas anni partes excepto Archidiacono, qui solum per medium annum residebit, 45.

Quotidianæ de pane in pecuniam per Jocelinum Episcopum mutatæ, 36. 44 § 2.

,, non nisi residentibus distribuendæ, 41 § 13.

,, nec Canonicis et Vicariis nisi precibus adsint, 62.

,, Quinque Personis duplices, cæteris simplices, 44 § 2.

,, Vicariorum ampliatæ, 45.

R

Radulphus de Salopia Episcopus monet omnes Canonicos ne rem habeant cum Cecilia de Pontfret, meretrice infami, 63.

,, emittit citationem contra Decanum et Capitulum, qui appellant ab eadem, quia talis citatio nunquam prius emanavit, 53. 54.

,, minatur se nolle inde desistere pro mille libris. Suspendit omnes in Ecclesiis de Mark et Wedmore, et Walterus de London: Decanus inde appellat, 54.

,, monet Thomam Haselshaw Canonicum in domo Capitulari ut non frequentet tabernas in futurum, 61.

,, mandatum mittit ad Decanum et Capitulum ad reparandum detecta in Visitatione sua, 62, 2.

,, sedet in domo Capitulari ad comperta in Visitatione sua punienda, 61. 62.

,, revocat omnia per ipsum attemptata contra jurisdictionem Decani et Capituli et Decani, 68.

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Rector chori Vicariorum unus in Festis quibus chorus regitur. Officium suum videtur esse inchoatio hymnorum, &c., Haselshaw, 20.

Registrarius Episcopi Clericus ut Stephanus Trip Rector de Camel, 72. &c.

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,, Protestatio residentiæ incipiendæ per se vel V arium coram Decano et Capitulo, 25. 45. 69, 2.

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,, eximuntur a contributione ad reparationem Fabricæ XV. numero, 26, 2.

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Shalford Præbenda resignatur apud Sypwick in Diœcesi Norwich: vide formam resignationis, 72.

Stall Wages, of Combe Prebends, 14.

,, to be paid to the Vicars by the Prebendaries tempore statuto, aliter ipsi sunt per Decanum et Capitulum compellandi, 22, 2.

Statuta Walteri de Haselshaw, 19, &c.

,, Johannis de Godelee, 24, &c.

,, exhibita Radulpho Episcopo per Walterum de London: Decanum, 69, 2.

Stogumber ad firmam per annum pro £50, 28, 2.

Supervisores Domorum duo Visitatores prudentes per Decanum et Capitulum annuatim deputandi, in tres septimanas Paschæ visitent ædificia ad collationem Decani et Capituli pertinentia, 21, 2.

,, taxent expensas defectuum et injungant reparationem, &c., ibidem.

,, solvat Executor expensas ob defectum Testatoris, ibidem.

Succentor vices impleat Cantoris absentis, 41 § 16, 17.

,, resideat continue nec absit ultra tertiam anni partem, 42 § 1.

,, non ultra mediam anni partem, 45.

Subdecanus vices impleat Decani absentis, 41 § 16, 17.

,, residebit prout Succentor, 42 § 1. 45.

T

Termini quatuor antiqui ad computa, 17, 2.

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Testamentum Thomæ Retford Cancellarii in toto, vide formam ejus, et probatum sub sigillo officii Decani, 71.

Thesauraria cista ibidem et duæ Claves ad pecunias Decani et Capituli conservandas, 27.

Thesaurarius assidue residebit nisi, &c., 41 § 1. 45

,, debet conservare thesauros et ornamenta et administrare luminaria, 41 § 10.

Tituli Canonicorum et Dignitarum ex assensu Decani Episcopo in Visitatione exhibendi, 61. 66, 2.

V

Vicarii Chorales, annus probationis, 3 § 6.

,, ,, perpetuatio si morigeri et cantandi periti, 3, 2. 21, 2.

,, ,, a mensa Dominorum ad placitum amotivi, 25. 2. 70.

,, ,, Decanus vel Subdecanus dabit licentiam exeundi villam vel phlebotomandi Vicariis, 17. 18. 2.

,, ,, articuli pro eorum et Ecclesiæ visitatione per Dominum Decanum, 18, 2.

,, ,, ordo eorum stationis in Choro, 17.

,, ,, ordines eorum, 21, 2.

,, ,, a precibus absentes sine causa denario toties quoties mulctantur. Haselshaw, 19. 45.

,, ,, causam absentiæ dare possunt et fidem facere desuper in proximo Capitulo, 20, 2. 62.

,, ,, e Choro ne recedant prætextu rerum emendarum, sub pœna, 1d. 20, 2.

,, ,, silentium in Choro sub pœna, 19, 2.

,, ,, habitum in Ecclesia et foras habeant diversum, 20.

,, ,, per Præsidem in Capitulo reprehendendi, 20.

,, ,, duo ad minus cohabitent sub pœna amissionis communiæ, 21.

,, ,, petitio Vicarii huic satuto conformis, 51, 2.

,, ,, non versentur cum femina e qua prolem susceperent, 21.

,, ,, Stall wages to be duly paid them, 22, 2.

,, ,, No wages to be paid them si in mensa Dominorum continue resederint, 26. 70.

,, ,, perdunt a precibus absentes Vicarii Quotidianas, nisi causa data, &c., 45.

Vicarii Chorales, Duo Altaristæ * Ecclesiæ citantur per Radulphum Episcopum cui citationi Decanus et Capitulum recalcitrant, et ab eadem appellant, et Episcopus tandem eam citationem revocat, 55, 2.

,, ,, unus suspenditur per Officialem Episcopi, 60, 2.

,, ,, alius purgat se de crimine fornicationis coram Episcopo in domo Capitulari, 61, 2. 65.

Vicaria in Dignitate vel Præbenda. The Prebend or Dignitary shall present to that Vicarage, if void in the vacancy of the Prebend the Bishop as Patron, 14, 2.

Visitationis Episcopi Forma ut a VI. præcedentibus Episcopis usitata, 26.

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‡ License that the Bishops may make their wills, granted by Henry III. to Bp. Jocelin.

‖ Witnesses to an agreement concerning boundaries on the Quantock Hills, between the Bishop and John of Membury, Lord of the manor of East Bagborough.

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† So in text of Dr. Healy's index—a curious confusion of the two Augustins. The Abbey founded by S. Augustin of Canterbury was of the order of S. Benedict.

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‡ This reference is to the charter of Bishop Robert taking off tolls from the fairs held in Wells, if held in the streets of the city instead of in the Church and forecourt (*atria*) as heretofore. The practice of holding fairs or markets in burying grounds was forbidden by the Statute of Winton 13. Ed. I.

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† Printed in Collinson, v. 3, p. 56. These perambulations were made in 1201.

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‡ This is explained in the customs of North Curry. The Heriot was the best animal ; if there were none, then the crop of the best acre under tillage, or the grass of the best acre of pasture, if nothing, then no heriot.

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† 14 Closes in Haymore, each containing 5 acres.

‡ The Bailiff had many good things at Christmas; a dish of Beef, another of Bacon, each with Cenapium (possibly Mustard), etc., and the day following when immediate post nonam habebit suum medale cum uno homine, videlicet bonam cervisiam ad potandum quantum potare voluerit a primo adventu suo quousque advesperascit, si per tantum tempus sedere voluerit. Collinson 2. 180, describes a very tame remnant of the Gestum as still observed at West Hatch. The Dominus seems to have been at all the expense of the Gestum, except that each tenant was bound if he had a horse to take wheat to the mill for it and bring back the flour.

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‡ Apparently in the diocese of London. The Scandiford of L. A. 1.

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CUSTOMS OF NORTH CURRY.

Some further particulars of the customs of North Curry, which have been referred to in the index, are added here.

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Simon de Domerham tenet dimidium ferdellum terræ cum mesuagio curtilagio et pratis adjacentibus, et debet custodire ecclesiam vestimenta ornamenta reliquias et cimiterium et quicquid est infra ecclesiam et infra cimiterium et debet claudere cimiterium de Mora ecclesiæ et debet pulsare campanas in aurora diei et ad matutinas et ad omnes alias horas diei et ad ignitegium prout officio sacristæ pertinet faciendum et debet pulsare classicum pro corpore præsenti et habebit unum denarium de bonis mortui. Et inveniet cordas sufficienter pro campanis pulsandis et debet portare aquam et ignem deservientibus et ministrantibus in ecclesia cum necesse fuerit videlicet ad matutinas ad missam ad vesperas et alia necessaria ecclesiæ. Et habebit annuatim de grangis Domini unum bussellum boni mundi et sicci frumenti pro pane faciendo ad eukaristiam ecclesiæ prædictæ contra pascha et habebit buscam de Domino pro dicto bussello frumenti furniando ad panem ut prædictum est. Et jacebit in ecclesia custodiendo. Et habebit gestum suum in festo natalis Domini se tertio videlicet duos albos panes et unum nigrum et bonam servisiam ad potandum quantum potare voluerint dummodo dies duraverit et habebit unum ferculum carnis bovis cum cenapio unum bonum ferculum baconis cum cenapio unum bonum ferculum de waceronde cum medietate unius gallinæ suprapositæ et caseum. Et habebit ignem et satis de focagio ad idem pro se et viscinis suis duas candelas de assisa de longitudine dimidii pedis et ibidem sedebunt et potabunt quousque dictæ candelæ videlicet una post aliam ex toto comburentur et semper ignem dum sederint et satis de focagio ad idem si per tantum tempus ut prædictum est sederint. And if he was unable to come from ill health he was to have these things at his home with duo lagenæ bonæ cervisiæ.

Et in crastino natalis Domini immediate post horam nonam habebit suum medhale pro se et uno homine videlicet bonam cervisiam ad potandum quantum potare voluerit a primo adventu suo quousque advesperascit si per tantum tempus sedere voluerint. He was to have large right of common in the moors, and owed suit twice a year at the Hundred of N.C., and his best animal was to be heriet.

Johannes de Muridene tenet mesuagium cum curtilagio unum ferdellum terræ cum prato adjacente et reddit per annum, iii. solidos de gabulo ad quatuor anni terminos æquis porcionibus et unum denarum beati Petri ad festum Gulæ Augusti (S. Peter ad vincula August 1) et iii., denarios pro Morryght in festo purificationis Beatæ Mariæ et ii. bussellos frumenti mundi ad chiresetum pro semine in festo Sancti Martini et si necaverit porcos vel porcum ad lardarium Dominus habebit de eodem pro quolibet porco necato obolum et si nullum necaveret porcum dominus nihil ab eo percipiet.

Et veniet cum uno homine ad blada domini cum facillis siclanda scilicet per unum diem ab ortu solis usque ad horam terciam et habebit pro opere suo unum quadrantem et valet ulterius quadrantem et veniet apud la Brodemede cum uno homine ad pratum Domini falcandum et habebit gantaculum suum de Domino pro opere suo videlicet panem de frumento cervisiam butirum et caseum et videlicet unum denarium ultra reprisas et veniet ad fœnum ejusdem prati vertendum et levandum ad mullones quociens necesse fuerit donec dictum fœnum in mullones competenter fuerit adunatum et nihil percipiet pro illo opere et videlicet unum denarium. Et veniet cum uno homine vel muliere per duos dies ad bedripes in autumpno et metet utroque die ab ortu solis usque ad occasum et habebit corrodium suum pro opere suo bis in die videlicet gantaculum suum et prandium et habebit ad gantaculum panem de frumento cribratum et caseum et ad prandium suum panem et unum ferculum carnis vel piscis secundum quod competit diei et caseum et videlicet unum denarium ultra reprisas et veniet per unum diem integrum cum uno homine ad mullones females fœni de la Brodemede in Bertona Domini faciendos et habebit pro opere suo corrodium suum bis in die scilicet eodem modo quo superius habuit ad bedripes et videlicet unum denarium ultra reprisas et veniet ad curiam Domini cum uno homine per unum diem et ibidem trituret ab ortu solis usque ad horam terciam et nihil percipiet pro opere et videlicet obolum.

Then follows obligation to take 3 bushels of wheat to the mill to be ground for the gestum at Christmas if he have a horse, and then the gestum, he and two others, he is to bring with him his own mappa, ciphus and dish, and to sit at dinner with his two friends in the Hall of the Lord's court in a certain place assigned to his tenement, and to have for him and his friends two white loaves and one black and good ale to

drink as much as he will while the day lasts, and the same allowance of meat as the Sacristan.

Et de istis ferculis prædictis præpositus ei deserviet, and to have fire and fuel, and when it is evening he and his friends are to have the two candles, &c., et habebit pro se et vicinis suis unum wastellum in tres partes cissum ad antiquos ludos natalis cum dicto wastello ludendos.

And he may take home with him all the food that was on his napkin.

If he be ill he may send some one for the bread and the beef and the bacon raw, and duo lagenæ bonæ cervisiæ.

And he may come with one man on the 2nd day after Christmas, St. Stephen's day immediately after 9, (3 o'clock in the afternoon,) and he is to have his medeale for the cutting of Brodemede until evening. And to have common of his beasts in all moors in the hundred.

Et debet esse Præpositus vel Berebrittus si ad illud officium sit electus, and if Provost to be free from his gabulum or rent, and all his works, and to have his food and drink from the Lord, and to have his horse fed in the Lord's stables in winter and pasture in summer with the horses of the Lord.

And if he be Berebrittus to have his livery for pay.

For Heriot on his death the Lord to have his best ploughing ox, and if none the best acre he has sown, and if he have neither animal nor land sown, then no heriot.

His wife to have his tenement while she is a widow and of good character, if she give security to the bailiffs of the Lord to keep up the tenements.

And not to marry daughter without license, or put son to literature, or get him ordained without license.

40 held on the same tenure with small variations. No one of them, unless he be free, to have more than one cotsetle, or if he have, the Lord to have 6d. each for the rest. Youngest son to succeed to the holding.

John de Knappe King's bailiff in the hundred of North Curry. Has gestum much the same. And on the day after Christmas. And common of pasture. His best animal for heriot. Many other tenants follow.

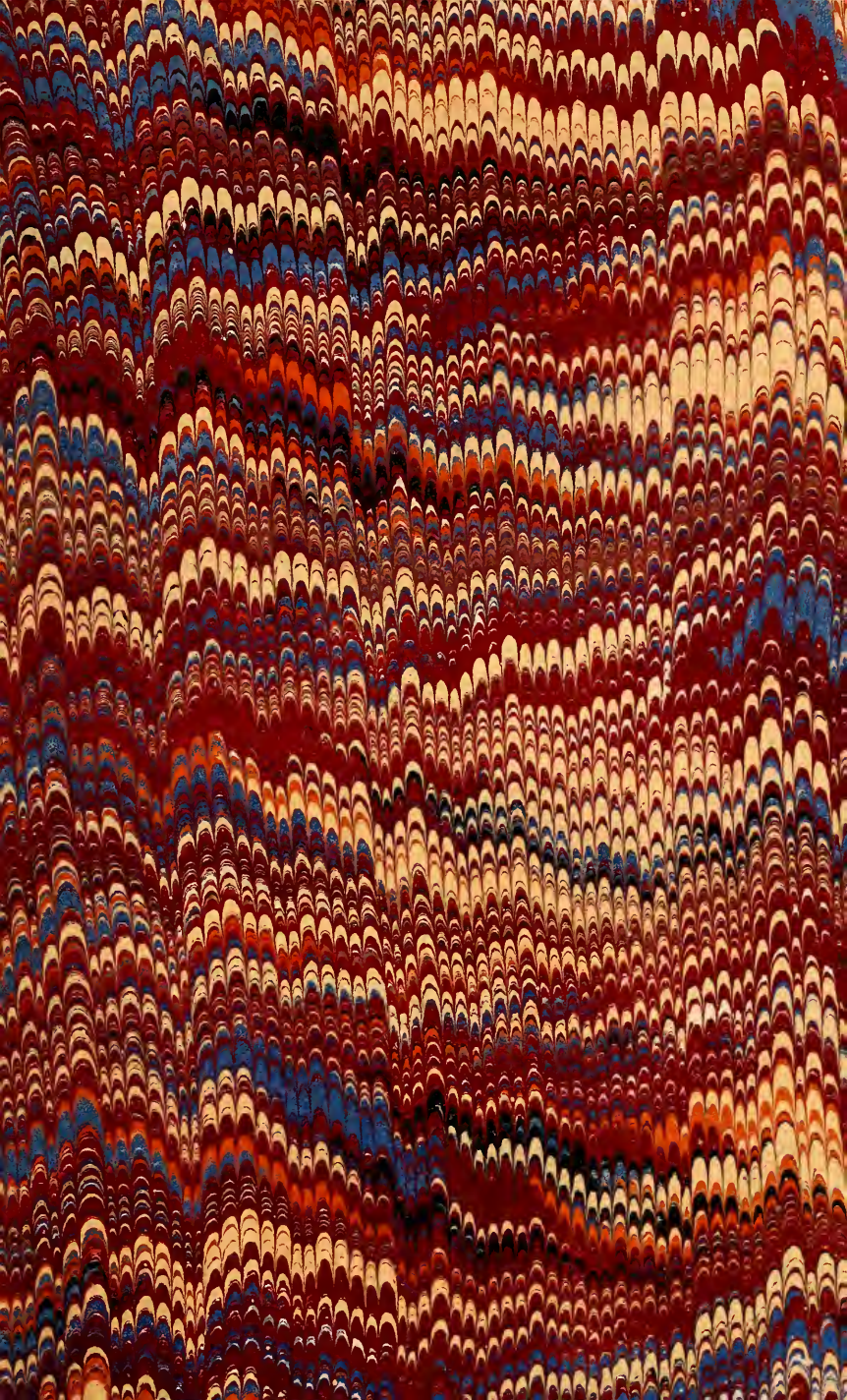
The making bread at Easter, and apparently a good deal of it, for holy communion, seems to point to the time when the modern small hosts had not got into fashion in the latter part of the XIth century.

The mention of Dominus, not Domini, seems also to shew that these customs were earlier than the purchase by the Chapter.

The moorland rent is paid at Candlemas, which used to be the time from which grass lands were held, and the Church scot for seed at Martinmas (Nov. 11) at the time of wheat sowing.

The words Et videlicet unum denarium, etc., seem to mean that pay was given beside the allowances of food.

The blada Domini cum facilla seems to be mowing. Mullones mows. Bedripes reaping at the bidding of the Lord, compare Bawdrip, Eastrip, South Harp or rather Southrip, the southern tithing of South Petherton. Waceronde and Wastell seem to be cake or bread. Busca, a faggot. Buscum, underwood.

The allowances made to the tenants for each day's work, and probably the uncertainty and inconvenience of forced work may account for the disuse of these works, the Lords finding it more convenient on the whole and cheaper to employ men who worked for wages.

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